

Jordan

Communique on Visit

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[Egyptian-Jordanian joint communique]

[Text] At 2000 hours today the following joint communique was issued on the talks between President Muhammad Anwar as-Sadat and His Majesty King Husayn of Jordan. Here is the text:

At the invitation of President Muhammad Anwar as-Sadat of the Arab Republic of Egypt, King Husayn bin Talal of the Jordan Hashimite Kingdom, paid a visit to the Arab Republic of Egypt from 16 to 18 July 1974. President as-Sadat and his guest held talks on Arab and international affairs of interest to the two countries. Taking part on the Egyptian side were: Foreign Minister Isma'il Fahmi; Information Minister Dr Ahmad Kamal Abu al-Majd; Chief of Staff of the Armed Forces Lt Gen 'Abd al-Ghana al-Jamasi and Presidential Secretary for External Contacts Dr Ashraf Marwan; on the Jordan side were: Zayd ar-Rifa'i, premier and foreign minister; Bahjat at-Talhuni, chief of the Royal Cabinet; 'Abd al-Mun'im ar-Rifa'i, king's adviser on international affairs; Baha ad-Din Tuqan; minister of the royal court; Staff Maj Gen ash-Sharif Zayd bin Shakir, chief of staff.

The two sides expressed satisfaction at the progress attained by the Arab nation and the growing international support it has gained in its struggle to achieve its just demand for the withdrawal of the Israeli forces from all the occupied Arab territories including Arab Jerusalem and the realization of the legitimate national rights of the Palestine people.

They emphasized that the fulfillment of this demand is an indispensable condition for the establishment of a just and lasting peace in the region. They denounced the recent Israeli attacks on civilian areas in Lebanon, which are in violation of Lebanese sovereignty and those international commitments barring all attacks on the civilian population. They called on the international community to condemn the plans supported by the Israeli authorities to form new groups for carrying out terrorist operations.

The two sides agreed on the necessity of undertaking continued and regular coordination between the Arab Republic of Egypt, the Syrian Arab Republic, the Hashimite Kingdom of Jordan, and the PLO so as to insure the mobilization of the greatest amount of strength available for the Arab position, providing balanced action with the Arab confrontation forces, and securing Arab understanding prior to the resumption of the Geneva peace conference.

The two sides declared that the PLO is the legitimate representative of the Palestinians, except for those Palestinians residing in the Hashimite Kingdom of Jordan. The two sides concur on the need to have the PLO take part independently in the Geneva conference at the appropriate stage, in support of the right of the Palestinian people to self-determination. The two sides also agreed on the need to reach a disengagement agreement on the Jordanian front as a first step toward a just peaceful solution.

The two sides expressed anxiety over the recent developments in Cyprus and called strongly for the preservation of the national unity and independence of the Cypriot people, free from any foreign intervention.

His Majesty King Husayn extended an invitation to President Muhammad Anwar as-Sadat to visit Jordan. The invitation has been accepted. Its date will be announced later on.